

Remarks

The present amendment is being submitted to correct minor inconsistencies between the drawings and specification and does not constitute the adding of new matter. Eight reference numbers in four different paragraphs of the specification were corrected so that they agree with the drawings. The serial number of the application incorporated by reference was also added by this amendment. One new reference number, which is mentioned in the specification, is being added to FIG. 4, while references numbers in seven different drawings (listed above), which were not mentioned in the specification or are part of the claims, were deleted. FIG. 21, referenced in the original specification, is being added for the first time.

Respectfully,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The set of new formal drawings that accompany this Preliminary Amendment, and which replace the originally filed drawings, include the following changes:

- FIG. 3: Reference numbers 13 (proximal end of prosthesis) is added
- FIG. 13: Reference numbers 65,66, and 83 are deleted
- FIG. 14: Reference numbers 79,80 and 85 are deleted
- FIG. 15: Reference numbers 65,66 and 86 are deleted
- FIG. 16: Reference number 69 is deleted
- FIG. 17: Reference number 69 and 79 are deleted
- FIG. 18: Reference number 69 is deleted
- FIG. 19: Reference number 94 is deleted

FIG. 21, which was references in the original specification, but accidentally omitted from the informal drawings that originally accompanied the application. Applicants' respectively request that it be entered at this time with the new set of formal drawings. The figure is fully supported in the specification on page 23 beginning 22. The specification describes the partial support 98 with free-ended longitudinal attachment struts 49,50 that help to form the leaflet angel 47, while the distal portion 76 of the attachment pathway 74 lacks the frame. Thus, FIG. 21 should not be considered as new matter to this application.

The partial support 98 is also supported by the PCT Application 'Percutaneously Deployed Vascular Valves' filed April 1, 2004 (Serial No. PCT/US004/09971